(a) whether Government have received representations to avoid extreme measures, including large pictures on packets of tobacco products;

(b) whether it is a fact that such warning signs are not in practice in other countries;

(c) the steps Government would take to carefully and moderately use the law; and

(d) the steps proposed to consider views of farmers and workers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The bidi industry has voiced its concern on the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labeling) Rules, 2006 relating to specified warnings. They have represented stating that the requirement of printing of pictorial warning on the packages of bidis may be reconsidered.

Many countries have introduced regulations related to health warnings on tobacco project packs including perminent pictorial warning. Health warning messages with pictures help in bringing awareness on the harmful effects of tobacco. Such positive public health measures are expected to discourage consumption of tobacco on the long run and help improve the overall health & economy of the nation.

Construction of CGHS building at Gurgaon

2673. SHRI KAMALAKHTAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plot of land was allotted by HUDA for construction of dispensary building at Gurgaon;

(b) if so, the present status of the plan being submitted to the concerned authorities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that HUDA has served notice for forfeiture of the land allotted in view of the fact that the construction has not been started in the stipulated time; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take immediate action in the

matter in view of the latest development and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Plan and estimates for the construction of CGHS dispensary building at Gurgaon have been prepared. However, allotment of funds for construction depends on availability of resources and *inter-se* priorities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

Research on turmeric

†2674. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether international level research on turmeric resulted in increase of its demand all over the world;

(b) if so, the steps taken to aware public in India admit the use and benefits of turmeric; and

(c) the details of the research made on turmeric in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Medicinal properties of Turmeric are recognized all over the world. In India, turmeric is used as a home remedy for wound healing and as an anti-allergic and anti-inflammatory agent. Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha and the Indian Council of Medical Research have carried out research on turmeric for its wound healing, anti-altergic and anti cancerous properties.

The important formulations of turmeric are Haridra Khanda, Vrana Sodhana Tailam, Nisamalaki, Haridradidhuma vati etc.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.